

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS OF RECORD

The objection to the oath and declaration is noted. Attached hereto is a corrected oath having the citizenship of the inventor and acknowledging the duty to disclose information material to the patentability. Because the inventor has moved, the document also has a new home address.

The claims have been amended to more particularly claim the invention using pins. Support for the requirement that pins can fit into reciprocal receptor openings is provided in the Summary bridging pages 3 and 4 and the second full paragraph on page 6. Figure 7 depicts the receptor openings and figure 8 shows the pin which fits reciprocally into the openings of figure 7.

Claim 21 has been replaced with claim 22, which is believed to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 7, 8 and 21 (now replaced with claim 22) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Morgensen (U.S. Patent 6,149,428). The rejection is respectfully traversed. The widened openings in Morgensen do not provide reciprocal receptor openings for pins. In the invention of Morgensen, the openings for receiving pins are in the floor of the articulator opening. The pins fit into those openings in the floor of the articulator rather than into widened receptor areas of the opening. The broad opening is not shaped appropriately for acceptance of pins.

Claims 7, 8 and 21 have, additionally, been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as anticipated by Cho (5,622,407). The rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims as now written require that the openings be appropriate receptor openings for reciprocally receiving pins.

No such pins are seen in that publication, and there is no suggestion that pins would fit into such spaces. Indeed, the openings are not appropriate for accepting pins of any kind.

Claims 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(b) as unpatentable over Morgensen in view of Cho. The rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims require that the pins be placed in receptor openings into which the pins fit reciprocally. Such openings are not seen in either patent since Cho uses no such pins and Morgensen's pins fit into multiple discreet openings in the floor of the articulator.

It is respectfully urged that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have suggests relating to claims which would render allowance more probably, the examiner is urged to call the undersigned at 703 425 8405.

Respectfully submitted,


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